

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-45 are now present in this application.

The specification and claims 1, 2, 9, 13, 15 and 23 have been amended, and claims 40-45 have been presented. Reconsideration of the application, as amended, is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-39 stand rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Yanker et al., U.S. Patent 5,187,776. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In the present invention, the method and system of zooming digital images is specific for a portable device, such as a digital camera, mobile phone, camcorder and so on, to reduce the memory size and calculating cost. However, Yanker et al. discloses an image editor zoom function. The image editor zoom function is used in the computer system (i.e., a data entry device such as a keyboard 6 and a mouse 7 enables a user of the system to interact with the image editor in a manner to be described to create, modify and store graphical images, as discussed in column 2, lines 63-66).

In addition, in the present application, the method and system of zooming digital images is to zoom in or zoom out from the image in the same screen (window) of the portable device. The image editor zoom function in Yanker et al., however, shows the zooming result in a different window (i.e., the zoom viewport 12 is a relatively small window with the zoomed display 10 that displays, in "normal" size (1X), an area surrounding a cursor 14, as discussed in column 3, lines 13-15). Because of the multiple windows required, Yanker et al. cannot save the memory used and the computing cost. Therefore, the purpose of the present invention cannot be achieved.

In addition, in the present invention, the original (unmagnified) image is unmovable.

However, the unmagnified image 12 of Yanker et al. is movable (i.e., as the operator repositions the cursor 16 within the magnified image window, the cursor 14 moves to reflect the cursor 16 position and, as the cursor 16 is panned across the enlarged image, the cursor 14 of the viewport 12 moves relative to the image area approximately in unison, as discussed in column 4, lines 22 – 27).

Moreover, the coordinator 1 and the coordinator 2 are used to point out the position to be zoomed in the present invention. The coordinators in Yanker et al., however, are used to determine the area of the viewport 12 to be displayed (see Fig. 4, step 28, determine, using cursor 16 coordinates, coordinates of zoom window).

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the prior art utilized by the Examiner fails to teach or suggest the method of independent claims 1, 13 and 23, as well as their dependent claims. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the 35 USC 102(b) rejection are respectfully requested.

Favorable reconsideration and an early Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

Because the additional prior art cited by the Examiner has been included merely to show the state of the prior art and has not been utilized to reject the claims, no further comments concerning these documents are considered necessary at this time.

In the event that any outstanding matters remain in this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at (703) 205-8000 in the Washington, D.C. area.

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